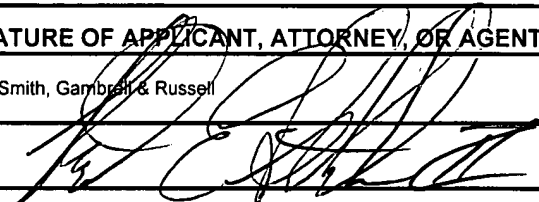
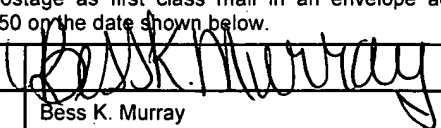
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FIRST RESPONSE WITH AMENDMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action of September 1, 2004, Applicants submit the following response with claim amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that any additional extensions of time are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 024300.

AMENDMENT

In response to the outstanding non-final Office as follows:

Amendment to the Specification (Abstract) begins on page 2.

Amendments to claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

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